

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 6, 2006
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Stuart, Morris, and Boldt, Chair, present.

PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Boldt read a proclamation declaring the week of June 18 through June 24, 2006, as Born Learning Week in Clark County, Washington.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

BID AWARD CRP321122

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award CRP321122 – NE 137th Avenue (NE Fourth Plain Boulevard to NE 76th Street). Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending that Bid CRP321122 be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder.

Boldt wanted to know exactly what needed to be finished. He noted that Kaiser went in there and there were also some apartments there.

Heath Henderson, Department of Public Works, said Kaiser did most of the improvements and when they designed the project the scope was much larger than what they're building now. He said they are basically completing the corridor.

Morris complemented the Bill Barron, County Administrator, and Mike Westerman for the layout and display of information on the bids.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to award Bid CRP321122 to Nutter Corporation of Vancouver, Washington, in the total bid amount of \$592,000.00, including Washington State sales tax, and grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all bid-related contracts. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Morris voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 280)

BID AWARD 2447

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award 2447 – Annual Health Department Water Analysis Services. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending that Bid 2447 be awarded to the sole bidder.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to award Bid 2447 to Addy Lab, LLC of Vancouver, Washington in the total bid amount of \$55,887.70, including Washington State sales tax, and grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all

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bid-related contracts. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Morris voted aye. Motion carried.
(See Tape 280)

BID AWARD 2449

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award 2449 – Annual Legal Advertising. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending that Bid 2449 be awarded to the sole bidder. Mr. Westerman also noted that on March 13, 1999 the County Administrator, at the direction of the Clark County Board of Commissioners, issued a community outreach policy that stated, in part, that “in an effort to promote better community outreach, the Clark County Board of Commissioners feels it is appropriate and would like to encourage the use of area-specific weekly newspapers, such as The Reflector, The Camas Post, and the Vancouver Business Journal. Those papers should be used in addition to The Columbian when legal notices being made pertain to a specific locale within the general circulation area of the weekly newspaper.” This policy remains in effect to date.

Boldt asked if there was a reason why The Columbian was the only responsive bidder.

Westerman said The Columbian has the most paid subscriptions and for the county’s legal advertising they have the widest range for publication.

Stuart wanted to know who the nine bidders were.

Westerman responded that they were The Columbian; The Reflector, Camas-Washougal Post Record; El Latino De Hoy; Vancouver Business Journal; J Group, Inc.; Excel Concepts, Inc.; Pivot & Levy; and The Red Army Creative, Inc.

Morris explained that in 1999 they did have a bid from The Reflector and that was when they had asked Mr. Barron to craft the new policy regarding use of the other newspapers. She said the benchmark is really if another department, usually Community Development or Public Works, has a hearing or some other activity that’s occurring in the Battle Ground circulation area, they advertise in both The Columbian and The Reflector; the same is true in Camas, Washougal. She said there are folks who don’t take The Columbian and it’s also good for the local business.

Stuart asked if they know the circulation for The Oregonian.

Westerman said it’s about half of what The Columbian is.

Stuart said he would be interested in finding out why they don’t include The Oregonian in their invitations to bid and perhaps they could consider that for next time.

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Westerman said the statute talks about the local paper in the area, but they could certainly into that. He said he would provide the statute.

Stuart noted that he was thinking of it in terms of being supplementary to The Columbian.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by *Stuart* to award Bid 2449 to The Columbian of Vancouver, Washington, in the bid amount of \$1.22 per Line Cost 1st Insertion and \$1.04 per Line Cost 2nd Insertion, and to grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all bid-related contracts. Commissioners *Boldt*, *Stuart*, and *Morris* voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 280)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Estelle Durham commented about Jorgenson Park. She congratulated everyone involved in the plans for the park. She said that when she thinks of a park, she thinks of things like picnic tables, benches, and playground equipment and she hoped all those things were going to be included.

CONSENT AGENDA

Boldt stated that he wished to pull item 6 (Leaseback Agreement and Sublease Agreement authorizing Battle Ground, Yacolt, Chelatchie Prairie Railroad's (BYCX) use of the north portion of Clark County's Railroad) in order to discuss an amendment.

Stuart read an email received from Bruce Weisman regarding item 3 (letter of agreement for the "Cliff Homes Area Project" on the East Fork of the Lewis River). *Stuart* noted that Mr. Weisman is a member of the Port of Ridgefield board, as well as an active tree farmer on the east fork of the Lewis River.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by *Stuart* to approve items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 6. Commissioners *Boldt*, *Stuart*, and *Morris* voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 280)

Boldt summarized that regarding item 6 the amendment essentially says that the county shall work with BYCX to move the existing ties to some location and then the county would haul them away.

Steve Schulte, Department of Public Works, said that was correct and added that the language only goes with the agreement between BYCX and Clark County because there is no need for it to be in the agreement with Columbia Basin Railroad. Mr. Schulte said they have estimated that there are 1,400 used ties on the north line and BYCX believes that about 700 are salvageable and have resale value. The other 700 will require offsite disposal—either incineration or landfill. He said the concept they've set up is that the

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BYCX would collect the ties and bring them to the Yacolt area and load them; the county would then haul the ties away and either landfill or transfer station dispose them. He said they actually have three different concepts they're looking at. The maximum charge to the county would be in the \$4,000-\$5,000 range.

Morris said if BYCX salvages the other 700 ties, are then they required to reinvest the money into the railroad.

Schulte said if there was revenue from the sale of the ties, there was no obligation to plug it back into the railroad. He said the ties are in very poor shape and he thought there was very little revenue that would come from the sale of them.

Boldt said he attended the board meeting of the BYCX when they ratified their portion of the contract and that the group was very energetic. He said they said the lease was better than the MOU and that they were ready to go July 8. He thanked everyone for their hard work on this. He added that Mr. Temple has been very good to work with through this.

Schulte said this provided BYCX some certainty regarding their time on the line and would allow them to better invest on line with their sweat and energy they put into it, along with their own resources, and they'll be out there this summer getting started.

Stuart thanked Mr. Schulte for all of his work.

There being no further comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve item 6, amending the sublease between Battle Ground, Yacolt, Chelatchie Prairie Railroad's (BYCX) and Clark County, page 4 of 8, under Section SL-7, under the County Covenant add #4 that "the County and BYCX shall work cooperatively to remove certain scrap ties currently placed alongside the tracks of the north line in various locations. BYCX shall remove and transport the ties to a commonly agreed central location and the county shall subsequently supply the equipment and all other means necessary for further transport and removal of scrap ties to the appropriate disposal facility. The total number of ties paid for by the county shall not exceed the equivalent of 700 full size ties. Removal of any additional scrap ties shall be the responsibility of BYCX consistent with the terms of this agreement." Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Morris voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 280)

Boldt then referenced the contract as amended.

There being no further comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve item 6, Leaseback and Sublease Agreements authorizing Battle Ground, Yacolt, Chelatchie Prairie Railroad's (BYCX) use of the north portion of Clark County's Railroad, as amendment. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Morris voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 280)

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PUBLIC HEARING: VETERANS

Held a public hearing to consider amendments to:

Clark County Code 2.29.010 Veterans' Organizations to provide relief-Registration. The reference to "Congressionally chartered veterans' organization" shall be changed to read "nationally recognized veteran's organizations."

Clark County Code 2.29.025 Clark County Veterans' Resource Committee. The reference to "Congressionally chartered veterans' organization" shall be changed to read "nationally recognized veterans' organizations." A new sentence will be added after the first sentence that reads "The county legislative authority may provide for reimbursement to board members for expenses incurred."

The above changes update the county code to include changes in Substitute House Bill 1189 passed by the Washington state 59th legislature and signed by the Governor.

Pete Munroe, Department of Community Services, presented. Mr. Munroe further explained the two proposed changes.

Stuart referenced the new sentence regarding providing reimbursement and asked if there was a reimbursement policy in place.

Munroe responded that the policy was adopted by the Veterans Resource Committee in April and mirrors the county's policy in terms of reimbursement amounts for mileage and per diem.

Boldt opened public testimony.

Munroe said his understanding was they would simply take testimony today and then there a consent report would follow in a week or two and formalize the changes.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve the amendments to Clark County Code 2.29.010 and 2.29.025 pertaining to Veterans' Organizations and Clark County Veterans' Resource Committee. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Morris voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 280)

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Morris commented on the housing market in the St. Johns area, which is apparently an emerging area in the Portland housing market. She said that some of the houses she saw were built in 1921 with about 700 square feet and were priced at over \$200,000. She said the prices are stunning on the south side of the river and it was easy to see why people come here.

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Adjourned

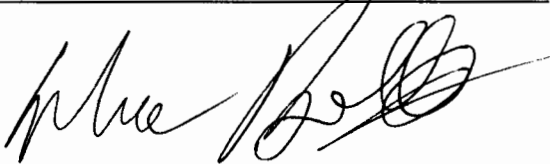
2:00 P.M. PUBLIC BID OPENING

Present at bid opening: Louise Richards, Board of County Commissioners Office; Mike Westerman and Allyson Anderson, General Services-Purchasing Department

BID OPENING CRP360622

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening CRP360622 – 2006 County-wide Overlays (Hot Mix). Mike Westerman, General Services, opened and read bids and stated that it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid CRP360622 on June 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' hearing room of the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th Floor. (See Tape 280)

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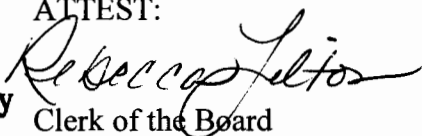
Marc Boldt, Chair

Steve Stuart, Commissioner



Betty Sue Morris, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Deputy Clerk of the Board

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